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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12 noon

Tues, Wed, and Fri: 8am

Thurs: 5:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm

Sunday 7:00-7:45am

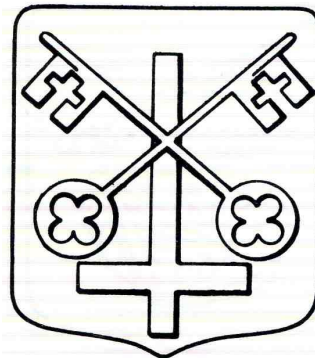
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Save the Date!

Sunday, January 26th	Catholic Schools Week Breakfast	After Masses, Fr Kottas Social Hall
Tuesday, January 28th	St Albert Open House	5:30—7:30 pm, St Albert
Sunday, February 2nd	Youth Group	7—9 pm, Fr Kottas Social Hall
Saturday, February 22nd	Feed the Children	9 am—2 pm, Fr Kottas Social Hall

26 JANUARY, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From Father Jacob

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

This is an enormously important passage of the Scriptures, and it bears a little bit of detailed examination. If you read this passage carefully you will note that the metaphor is *not* between the body and the Church (ie: the Church is *like* body), but rather between the body and Christ (ie: the body of Christ works like a natural body). St Paul doesn't think that the Church is somehow *like* the body of Christ. St Paul thinks that the Church *is* the body of Christ.

The Scriptures everywhere teach that there is a radical unity and importance to the Church that Jesus has established. Jesus talks about being the vine. He prays that we might be one *as he and the Father are one*. St Paul elsewhere calls the Church a "temple built of living stones" and everyone takes for granted that Christians are "brothers and sisters", which is to say, family.

Why is this so important? A lot of reasons! I'll mention two today:

The Church is not a club. I have joined and quit a lot of clubs over my 36 years of life, and for a lot of reasons. The Church is a fundamentally different thing. What if a foot *did* say, "because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body", and separated itself? The easy answer is that it would die. It would not have the life of the body in it.

There's no room for jealousy or selfishness in a healthy body. The eye has a role to play, as does the foot, and whether the foot does that job or not *matters to the whole body*, because it keeps the body healthy and able to move. Jesus has a job for you as well, and whether you will take up that job isn't just a concern for you and Jesus. We need you!

A Year acceptable to the Lord

When Jesus comes proclaiming glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, and letting the oppressed go free, he is proclaiming a **Jubilee year**. The Jubilee was a very important concept in God's vision for Israel. It was the part of the Law, and the Prophets are always bringing it up in their accusations and also in their oracles of Israel's future. In the jubilee year all debts are supposed to be forgiven, all captives are freed, all land returns to its owners, and everyone goes home to their ancestral land. It's easy to dismiss this vision as utopian (and indeed it is not clear that ancient Israel much observed the Jubilee in practice), but it is a beautiful vision: God's people need to be restored to **freedom**, to **family**, to the **fullness of life** He wants for them. A Jubilee year is a beautiful thing!

The Church celebrates ordinary Jubilees every 25 years. The last one was the great Jubilee for the new millennium in 2000. In a Jubilee year we have a special invitation to make *pilgrimage* and to receive God's *forgiveness* in extraordinary ways.

People make pilgrimages to Rome in the Jubilee year, but every Diocese also has pilgrimages, and our Diocese has established 5 pilgrimage churches for the Jubilee, including one right here in Council Bluffs! Let's take advantage of this beautiful grace, a year acceptable to the Lord.



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READINGS FOR: February 2, 2025
1ST READING: Malachi 3:1-4
2ND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18
GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

Catholic Daughters give their time, talent, ideas, knowledge, dedication, and enthusiasm. In return, members receive spiritual enhancement, leadership skills, affirmation, community, friendships, and more! Because all Catholic Daughters are leaders in their communities, we offer some practical leadership skill techniques. Join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, February 4, at 6:30 pm at St. Patrick Church.

Catholic School Breakfast, Sunday January 26, 2025. Biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit parfait with yogurt, milk, orange juice, coffee.

Fully Alive Youth Group Sunday, February 2 from 7-9 pm in the Father Kottas Social Hall.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue	1/28	8:00 am	Richard & Mary Duff
Wed	1/29	8:00 am	Rick Buntten-RIP
Thurs	1/30	5:30 pm	Jacque Rallis-RIP
Fri	1/31	8:00 am	Linda Schmitt-RIP
Sat	2/1	4:00 pm	Rosanne Doran-RIP & Marilyn Henkel-RIP
Sun	2/2	8:00 am	Kenneth Finnegan-RIP
		10:00 am	Roger Wood-RIP
		Noon	St. Peter's Parish

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- You're never childless when you have a husband.
- The only thing preventing me from smashing my alarm every morning is the fact that it's my phone.
- Just imagine how awesome life would be if taco's made you skinny.
- What do you mean it's Monday?? It was just Friday a minute ago.
- Marriage is actually just a nice word for adopting a fully grown man who can't take care of himself.
- I have reached the age where I am between "pretty much everything annoys me" and "I just really don't care."
- With the current extreme cold temperatures, all WalMart customers are urged to wear two pairs of pajamas.
- Sure, you can get your wife jewelry, or an expensive purse, or perfume for her birthday but she will never forget the birthday you got her a mop...NEVER.
- Mike freaks out if I go over the speed limit by 2 MPH. He thinks I'm "driving like a maniac." But when he's behind the wheel, he acts like we have 9 lives and a get out of jail free card.
- Snoring is basically bragging about being asleep so soundly that it stops other people from sleeping. It's like lying there screaming, "I'm having a lovely sleep."
- My friend crashed her car again today. She told the police that the man she collided with was on his mobile phone and drinking a can of beer. The police said he can do what he likes in his own living room.
- There are 2 types of people in this world. Those who can't relax when there are dishes in the sink and those who don't even notice them. And they end up marrying each other.
- I'm not as sarcastic as I could be and I really wish people would appreciate that more...just saying.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK, STAY SAFE, BE NICE TO EACH OTHER

SATURDAY, 4PM February 1, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: Rowan Jackson, Nicholas Moses, 1 Altar Server needed
LECTORS: Rod Nuss, Amber Svajgl-Jackson
EUCH MINISTERS: Toni Hansen, Jacque Liston, Lucile Gerjevic
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben, William Stosahl

SUNDAY, 8 AM, February 2, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: Velda Ring, Audrey & Morgan Garst
LECTORS: Tyler Juranek, Jim Pidgeon
EUCH MINISTERS: Ray McGrath, Wayne Stangl, Nicole Juranek
USHERS: Sue Brownlee, Russ Goeser, George Garst, Andy Juranek

SUNDAY, 10 AM February 2, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: Savannah Murray, Thomas Biederman, Leighton Finnegan
LECTORS: Leslie Fronce, Kyla Brockelsby
EUCH MINISTERS: Laura Cornelius, Trevor Yanovich, Sandy Fritzsche
USHERS: Nate Noon, Olivia Ausdemore, Mike Nielsen, Bryan Carolus

SUNDAY, NOON February 2, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: Keegan McCaffery, Mason Olson, Emma Thompson
LECTORS: Aubree Brandau, Cindy Bussey
EUCH MINISTERS: Michael Koricic
USHERS: Rob Peters, Chris Olson, Emry Honkomp, 1 Usher needed

FATHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

There are no useless parts of the body. Even the parts, like the gallbladder and appendix, that people used to think were useless have turned out to have functions.

There are no useless parts of Christ's body, either. How does God want to use you to build up his Church?

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, January 28-Women's Book Club 6:30pm in Hall
Wednesday, January 29-Rel Ed & Confirmation 6:15pm
Thursday, January 30-RCIA 7:00 pm in Hall
Sunday, February 2, Fully Alive Youth Group 7-9pm Hall

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